

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Michael J. O'Connell, Jr., of Saint Louis, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the Business Manager and Secretary/Treasurer of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562, a leadership calling that he will draw to a close on September 1, 2007, in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, initiated into the Plumbers and Pipefitters union on April 20, 1970, Michael O'Connell has served that organization as a Business Agent, Vice President, Assistant Business Manager, President, and Business Manager and has additionally served on the National Pipeline Negotiating Committee since November 25, 2003; and

Whereas, prior to joining Local 562, Michael O'Connell worked for nine years for Continental Can Company as a deck hand and as a supervisor; and

Whereas, Michael O'Connell is a graduate of Leadership Saint Louis and a member of the Executive Board of the Saint Louis Building and Construction Trades Council, Executive Board of the Greater Saint Louis Labor Council, and Board of the Saint Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association; and

Whereas, Michael O'Connell has diligently striven to help others through his volunteer and leadership contributions to the Heat's On Program, Christmas Baskets Program, Fishin' Fitters Tournament, United Way Fund-raising Campaign, and American Red Cross Program; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Dona, Michael O'Connell is justifiably proud also to be known as the loving father of Michael and Kathy O'Connell, Dan and Michelle O'Connell, and Kathleen and Jeff Rausch:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in life by Michael O'Connell and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael J. O'Connell, Jr., of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael Spreng
District No. 76

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker